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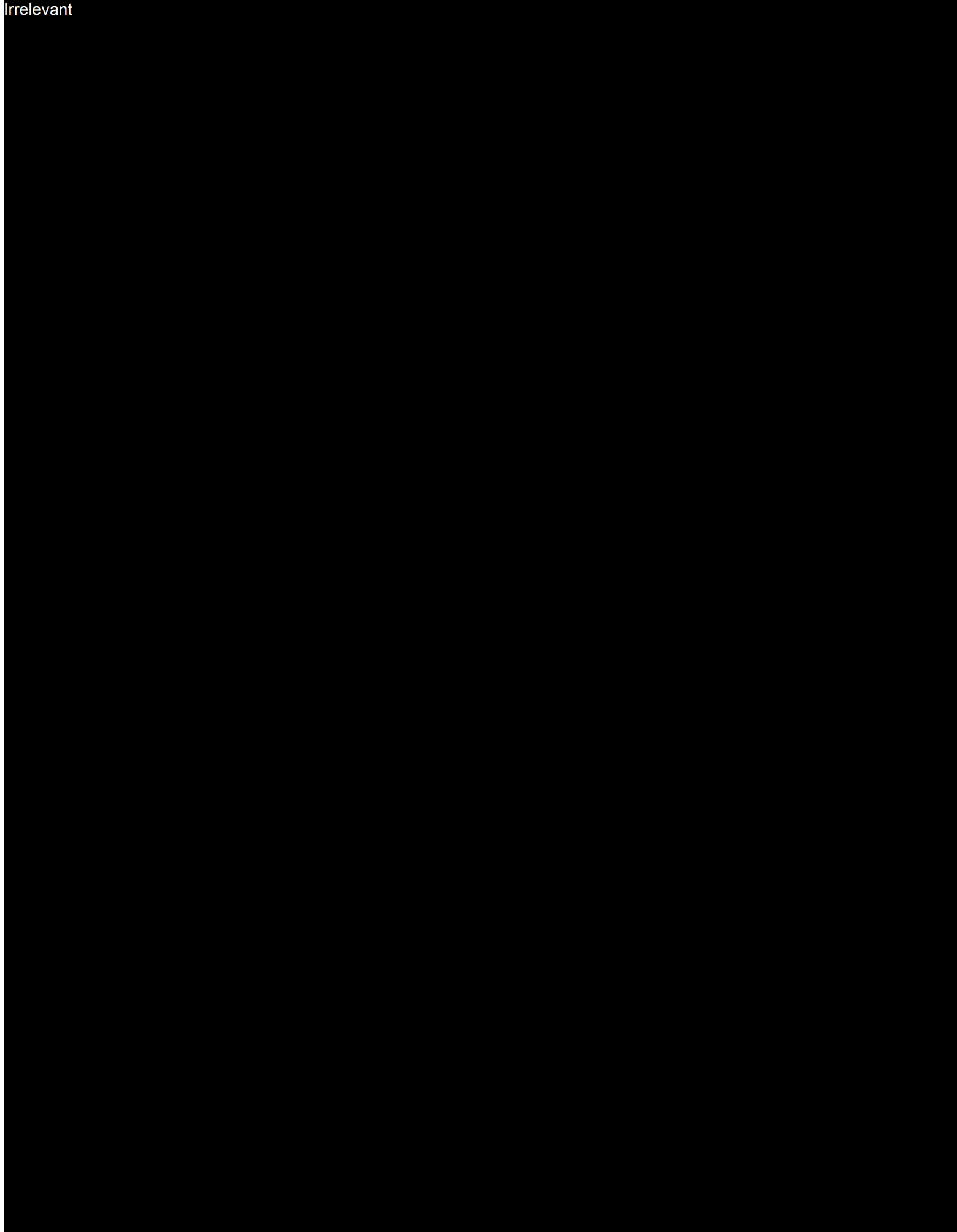
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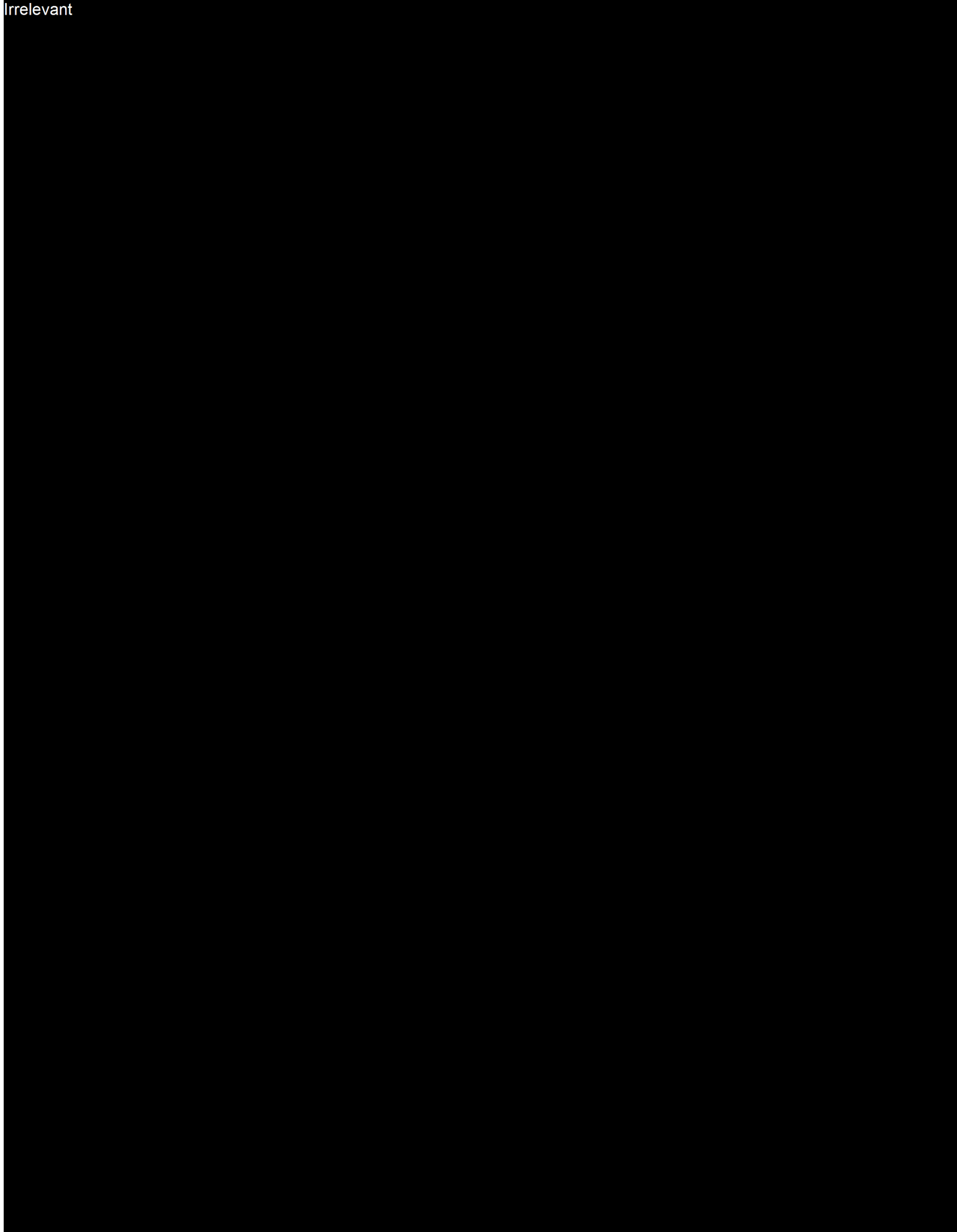
- * The current blockade at the Ambassador Bridge border crossing prevents truckers from being able to transport essential goods to Canadians.
- * The Ambassador Bridge is Canada's busiest land border crossing. Every day, truckers cross this essential land border and make sure our shelves are stocked.
- * This blockade is threatening important cross-border trade.
- * We are continuing to engage with our partners to ensure that goods are able to move through the Ambassador Bridge.

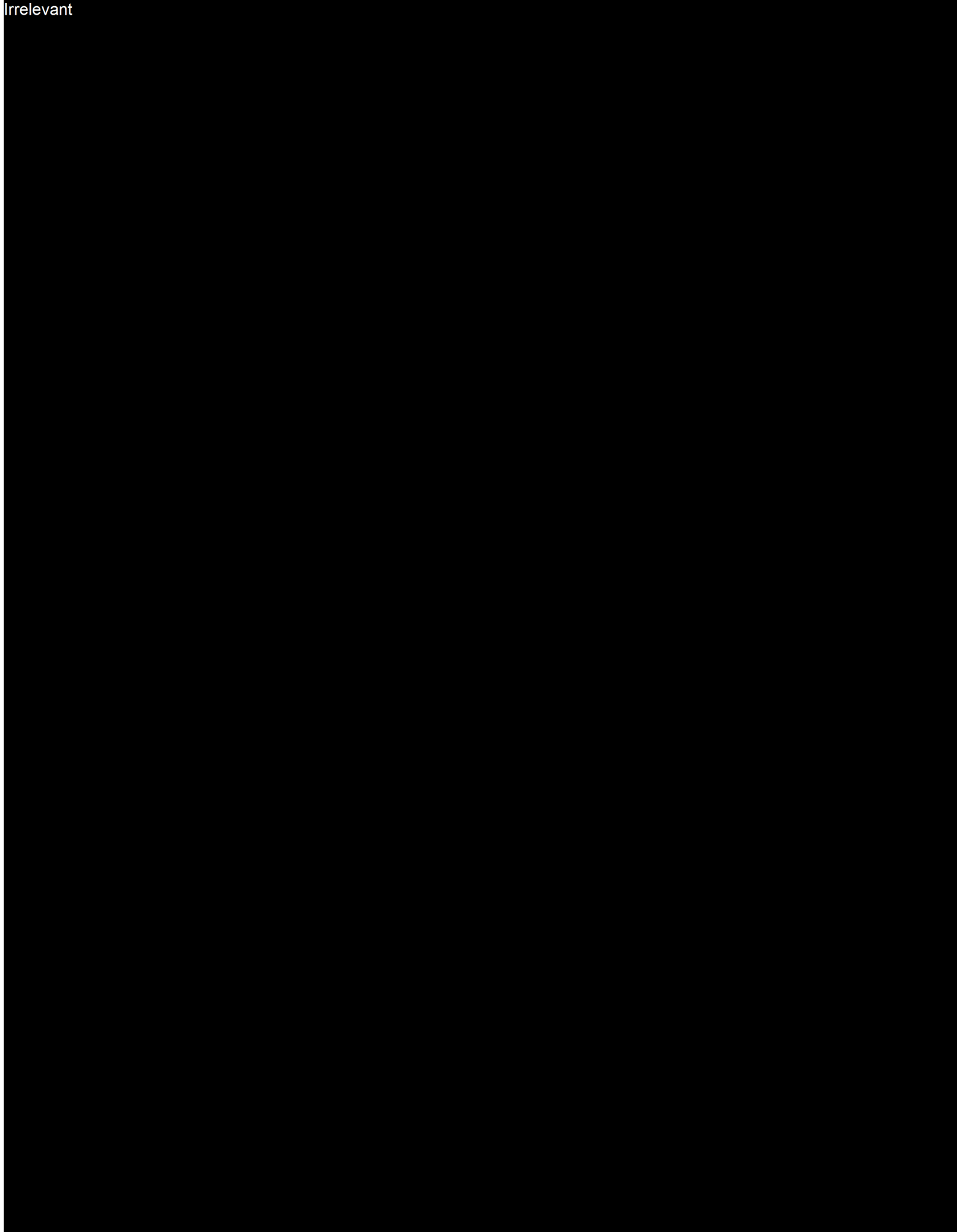
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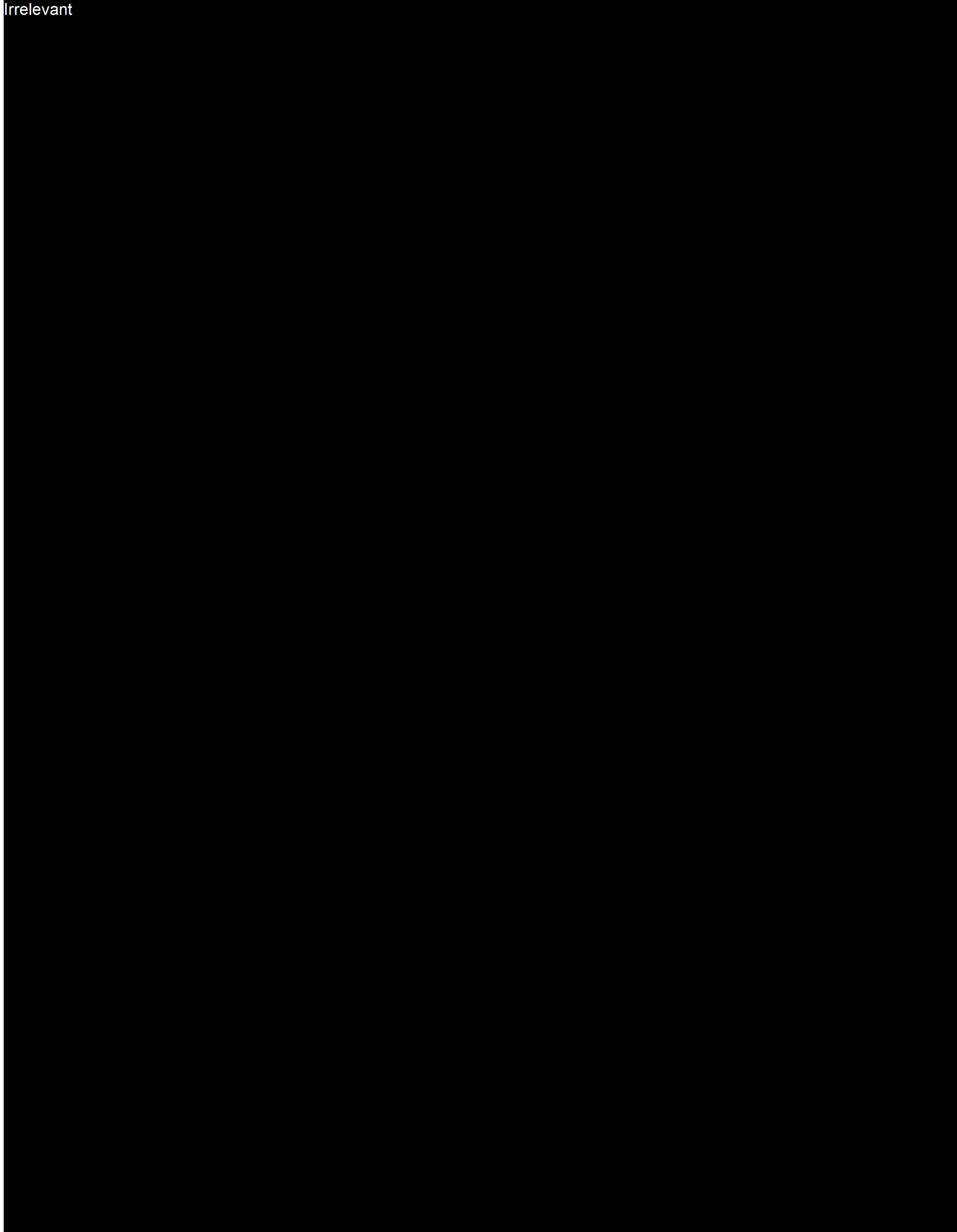








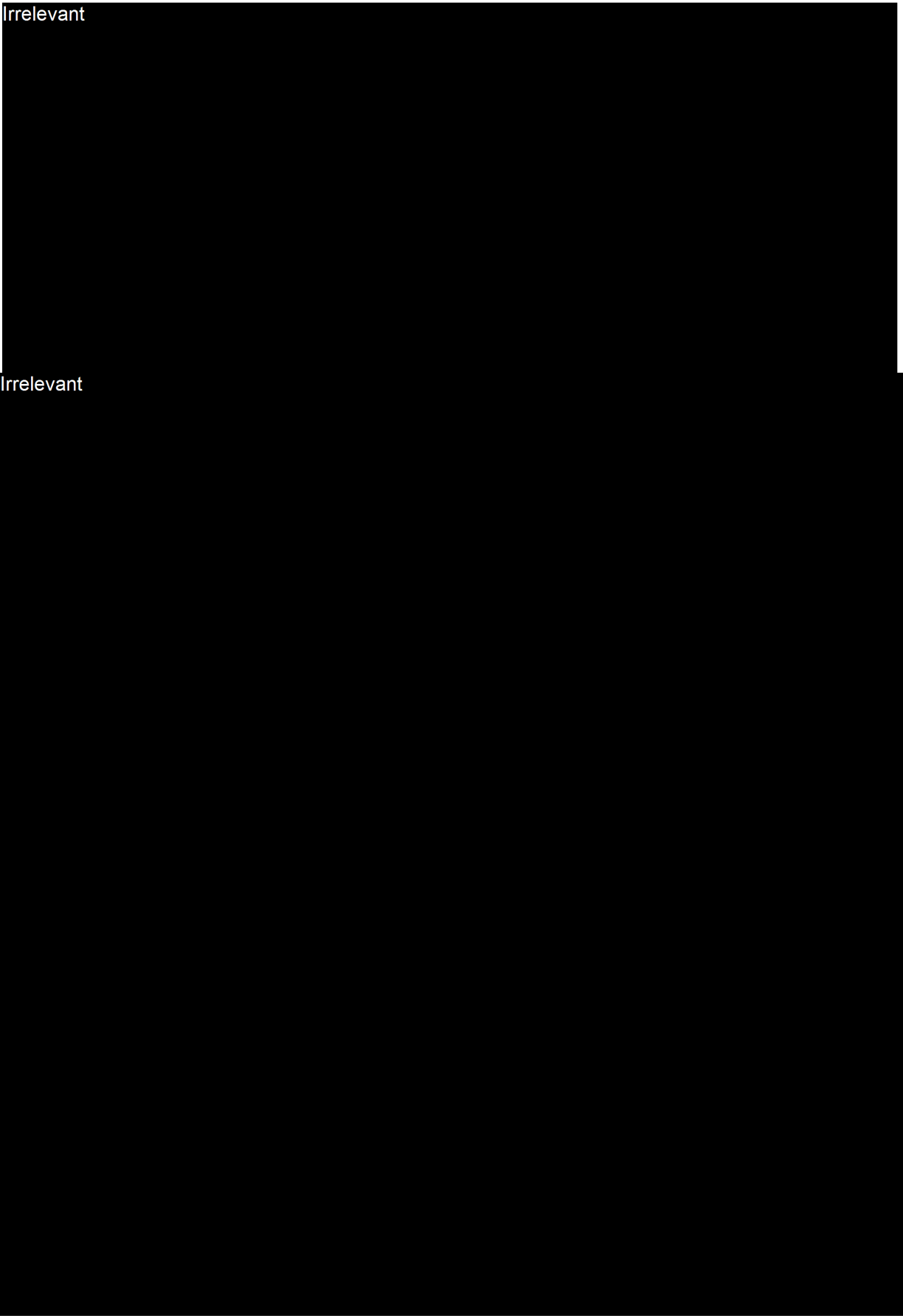




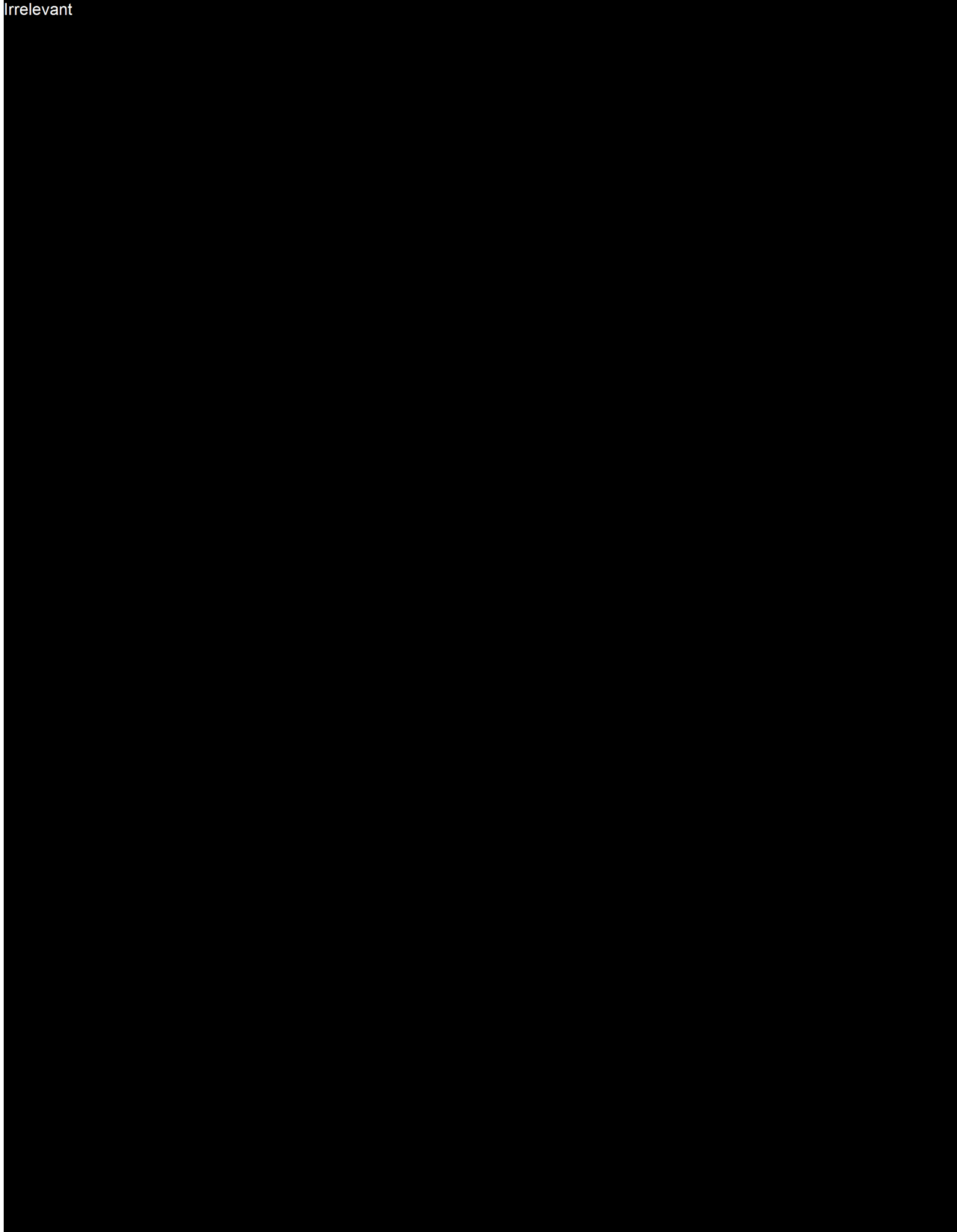
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Public Safety

Ottawa State of Emergency & RCMP Assistance

- * The community of Ottawa expects the law to be upheld and enforced by police, and public safety to be maintained.
- * Since the beginning, the federal government has been there to support the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service providing 275 RCMP officers to help enforce the law.
- * The RCMP remains ready to provide further assistance to the OPS, per Mayor Watson's request for additional personnel.
- * While governments write laws, police enforce them. Operational decisions are taken by the police, independent of the government.
- * Federal public safety partners, including the RCMP, will continue to work closely with the City, OPS and others to ensure that Ottawans feel safe in their community.

Children's safety

- * We are aware of a significant number of children who have been brought along by their parents to partake in this convoy.
- * The safety and security of these children is a top priority, which is why we urge families to relocate their children to a safer location as the state of emergency continues.

Protest Funding

- * Our intelligence community and law enforcement partners are diligently surveying the convoy's financial support and accusations of foreign funding. They will not hesitate to act should anything nefarious be discovered.
- * We are aware that GoFundMe has decided to refund the convoy's crowd-funding campaign after further investigation.
- * Our officials are aware of new funding platform being used, and will continue to analyze the legality of this funding.
- * We thank our law enforcement partners for their continued efforts, and are confident that they will crack down on any unlawful funding.

Firearms cross-border smuggling

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- * Gun violence and firearms proliferation continues to put our communities at risk.
- * We're working hard to get more illegal firearms off our streets and keep our communities safe from unnecessary violence and threats.

- * We are providing the CBSA and RCMP to combat smuggling and trafficking to prevent illegal firearms from entering Canada, and have committed \$125M to this effort.
- * A Cross Border Firearms Task Force is working actively to disrupt smuggling at the border.
- * To fight the criminal act of gun smuggling and trafficking at our border, we will increase the maximum prison sentence to highlight how serious this offense is.

If Pressed - CPC

- * We welcome further discussion on cross-border firearms smuggling prevention. During C-71 study at SECU, Conservative MPs suggested amendments that proposed there be no punishment for including “false statements to procure licenses”, import or traffic.
- * We believe that keeping our families and communities safe and secure is most important, which is why we refuse to be lenient on illegal firearms, and continue to crack down on this issue.

Border Blockades

Highlevel

- * Ensuring the security and functionality of our borders is a top priority.
- * We are closely monitoring the ongoing disruptions at Ambassador Bridge, Coutts, Sarnia, Windsor and Border Crossing. While the Port of Entry remains open, blockades are causing significant disruption.
- * These types of blockades have a critical impact on our economy and supply chain, and must end before they do further damage.
- * We will continue working closely with provincial partners, RCMP and CBSA to restore function.

Ambassador Bridge

- * We are closely monitoring the ongoing disruptions at the Ambassador Bridge Border Crossing. While the Port of Entry remains open, blockades are causing significant disruption.
- * These types of blockades have a critical impact on our economy and supply chain, and must end before they do further damage.
- * CBSA is working with municipal and provincial partners to divert traffic to other ports of entry
- * Our officials will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Coutts Blockade Lines

- * We continue to closely monitor the ongoing situation at the Coutts Border Crossing. While the Port of Entry is open, several highway blockades continue to cause serious disruption both for local residents and international trade.
- * These blockades have already cost the economy over \$200 million, and they must end before they do further damage.

- * The CBSA has expanded opening hours at the Carway and Del Bonita, AB crossings to help travelers and trade keep moving.
- * The Alberta RCMP – as the local police of jurisdiction – are managing the situation. We thank them for their tireless efforts in the face of significant challenges.
- * RCMP are best suited to speak to operational details.

If Pressed – Impending Charges

- * Our government is working tirelessly with provincial partners, CBSA, and RCMP to restore function.
- * We continue to closely monitor the ongoing situation at the Coutts Border Crossing. While the Port of Entry is open, several highway blockades continue to cause serious disruption both for local residents and international trade.
- * These blockades have already cost the economy over \$200 million, and they must end before they do further damage.
- * The RCMP will continue to enforce and uphold the law, and will investigate and prosecute unlawful demonstrations.

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